drugs under category II of price control order,

(b) if so, what is the number and names of drugs so identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Committee was appointed to identify only drugs for category II;

(d) if so, on what basis category I drugs have been identified by the Committee,

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee is also hearing submissions against inclusion of category I drugs made by some drug companies; and

(f) if so, what are the names of the drugs and the companies whose cases have been heard by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the drugs identified by the Kelkar Committee for inclusion in Category II are contained in its report copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) Category I drugs were recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and included in the First Schedule to DPCO, 1987.

(e) and (f) The term of the Kelkar Committee has been extended for a period of six months to perform the function of reviewing any representations received by the Government regarding any discrepancies, anomalies, etc. in the list of drugs of the new DPCO, 1987 and give its recommendations to the Government on the same.

Multinationals' Pressure for New DPCO

941. SHRI M A. BABY:
DR. R. K PODDAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Drug Prices Control Order was the result of pressures exerted by the drug manufacturing multi-national companies;

(b) if so, what made the Government to succumb to such pressures at the cost of the consumers in the country, and

(c) whether any investigation is likely to be made into this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH). (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Survey for unauthorised LPG connections

942 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey has been made to know the number of unauthorised LPG connections in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Haryana and U P during the last two years; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) If not, what steps Government are taking to check the growth of such unauthorised connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT). (a) No, Sir,

(b) Though the mechanism of periodical inspections of LPG distributorships, carried out by Sales Officers, Divisional Managers, Technical Audit Deptt., Vigilance Cell, etc., cases of unauthorised connections, too, are detected by the Oil Companies.

Category I Drugs

943 DR. H P. SHARMA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: